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TELEPHONE CONNECTIONS UNDER DISCRETIONARY QUOTA
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) the number of applications received by the Union Government from North-Eastern States including Sikkim during 2001-2002and 2003 till date for providing telephone connections under the discretionary quota, district-wise;

(b) the number of telephone connection provided so far and the number of applications pending at present;

(c) the reasons for delay in providing telephone connections; and

(d) by when the remaining applicants are likely to be provided with telephone connections?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY(SMT. SUMITRA MAHAJAN)

(a) Sir, discretionary quota is allotted on calendar year basis. The telecom district-wise number of applications received for providing telephone connections under discretionary quota during 2001 and 2002 upto 31.10.2002 is given in Annexure. For the year 2003, quota can be released on or after 1.1.2003.

(b) 2331 telephone connections have been provided and 349 applications are pending at present and remaining have been cancelled.

(c) The applications are pending due to areas being technically non-feasible.

(d) Progressively by 31.3.2003.

ANNEXURE

Number of applications received for providing telephone connections under discretionary quota

Sl. No.	Name of the State	Name of the Telecom District	No. of applications received 2001	2002 (till 31.10.02)	Total
1.	Sikkim	Sikkim	Nil	Nil	Nil
2.	Assam	Kamrup	303	69	372
	Dibrugarh		34	20	54
	Silchar		44	17	61
	Jorhat		180	86	266
	Bongaigaon		261	169	430
	Tezpur		56	42	98
	Nagaon		130	126	256
3.	Meghalaya	Meghalaya	7	5	12

4.	Mizoram	Mizoram	199	62	261
5.	Tripura	Tripura	204	151	355
6.	Manipur	Manipur	296	237	533
7	Nagaland	Nagaland	Nil	Nil	Nil
8.	Arunachal Pradesh	Arunachal Pradesh	Nil	Nil	Nil
	Total		2697		